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Honorable Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
One Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

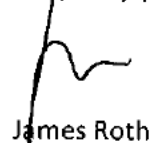
Re: United States vs. Kareem Shepherd 1:22-cr-00514- PGG

Dear Judge Gardephe :

I write to request a substitution of counsel hearing in this matter. Unfortunately, Mr. Shepherd has stated that he has no trust in my ability to represent his interests and as a result there has been a break down in communications which prevents me from continuing to represent him.

Please have your court room deputy contact me to arrange a date convenient to Your Honor and myself so I may address any inquiry that you deem appropriate.

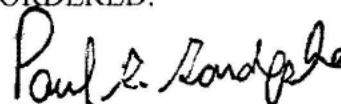
Very truly yours, --



James Roth

MEMO ENDORSED: A substitution of counsel hearing will be held on **December 4, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.** Defense counsel and Mr. Shepherd must be present, but the Government need not appear.

SO ORDERED.



Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Judge
Dated: December 1, 2023